

UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION
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As a below named inventor I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: CONNECTOR HEADER GROMMET FOR AN IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICE

The specification of which

☒ is attached hereto

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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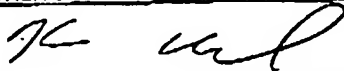
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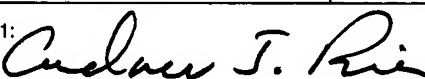
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